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- B. TEHRAN 8276
- C. STATE 190374
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1. WE REGRET THE LONG DELAY IN REPLYING TO REFS A AND B AND HOPE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND INFORMATION MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, WITH REGARD TO QUESTION POSED IN PARA 1 OF REF A, MAS LOCATED AT TEHRAN WOULD NO REPLACE THE STATION AT INCIRLIK. RATHER, IT WOULD EXTEND COVERAGE INTO IMPORTANT AREAS NOT NOW SERVED BY ANY FACILITY AND WOULD AUGMENT THE PRESENT LIMITED AND INFERIOR CAPABILITY AT INCIRLIK IN THOSE AREAS WHERE COVERAGE WILL OVERLAP.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE COMBINATION OF FACILITIES/ STRUCTURES, ETC., WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE POINTS MADE IN REFS A AND B AND OUR FINDINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. A JOINT OR COMBINED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL IN VIEW OF SEPARATELY ASSIGNED AIR FORCE

AND ARMY RESPONSIBILITIES.

B. IT MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE POSSIBLE TO COMBINE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS AND LAND AREAS, BUT WE WOULD NEED DETAILED TECHNICAL SURVEYS OF THE LOCATIONS IN ORDER TO ASSESS THIS. IN THIS RESPECT, WE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DIFFICULTIES SUCH COMBINATION WOULD HAVE AND WHICH WOULD REQUIRE RESOLUTION:

(1) COMBINING THE ED AERO STATION RECEIVER FACILITY WITH DET. 333 WOULD LIKELY REQUIRE SITE EXPANSION BECAUSE OF THE CRITICAL REQUIREMENT THAT ANTENNA STRUCTURES AND THE MICROWAVE TOWER BE LOCATED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH EACH OTHER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SITE IS BOUNDED BY PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SHAH; EXPANSION OF THE SITE WOULD THUS REQUIRE HIM'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE LAND.

(2) COLLOCATING THE AERO STATION WITH ARMY COMM TRANS-
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MITTER/RECEIVER SITES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE SITE EXPANSION WHICH IN THIS CASE MIGHT BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE AREAS BORDERING ARE EITHER BUILT UP OR ARE TOPOGRAPHICALLY UNSUITABLE FOR EASY EXPANSION.

C. WE REPEAT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE TYPE COMBINATIONS JUST SO LONG AS IT IS TECHNICALLY AND POLITICALLY POSSIBLE.

4. WE AGREE WITH YOU ON THE DESIRABILITY OF REDUCING OUR OVERALL PRESENCE, BUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THAT WILL BE POSSIBLE ALSO DEPENDS ON FURTHER TECHNICAL PLANNING. THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE HAVE REVIEWED THEIR MANNING PROJECTIONS AND HAVE FOUND RELATIVELY MINOR DIFFERENCES IN THE TOTALS FOR POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS OF FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING THE SATELLITE TERMINAL, ARMY DCS MISSION ACTIVITIES, MED AERO STATION, AND MYSTIC STAR. ALL PROJECTIONS YIELD TOTALS OF BETWEEN 166 AND 171, AND THE DIFFERENCE IS LESS THAN THE POSSIBLE REVISIONS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM TECHNICAL CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESULTS OF DETAILED SITE SURVEYS AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAMS. THUS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE SO THAT THESE TECHNICAL SURVEYS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN AND MORE RELIABLE FIGURES PROJECTED. BECAUSE OF LEAD TIME REQUIREMENTS AND BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITY WHICH ATTACHES TO BOTH THE AERONAUTICAL AND MYSTIC STAR COMMUNICATIONS, A FIRM PROGRAM MUST BE DEVELOPED SOON IF THE OPERATIONAL DATE

OF MID-76--WHICH IS A FIRM REQUIREMENT--IS TO BE MET. DELAY WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE SERVICES ADOPT ALTERNATIVE--AND POSSIBLY LESS DESIRABLE--LOCATIONS OR PROCEDURES. AND WITHOUT SUBSTANTIALLY MORE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSSIBLE PROGRAM, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ADDRESS ABSOLUTE MINIMUM COSTS.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF APPROACHES TO HIGH LEVELS OF THE GOI TO DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT US-IRANIAN FACILITIES AS OUTLINED IN REF C. IF ACCEPTABLE, GENERAL WERBECK (WITH EMBASSY ASSISTANCE) COULD EXPLORE IIAF INTEREST DURING HIS VISIT TO TEHRAN RE PEACE SCEPTER IN EARLY MARCH.

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6. FYI. NONE OF THE ABOVE WAS RAISED DURING GEN. KHATAMI'S VISIT HERE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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